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FTEs show enrollment increase

BY ROBERT LAMIRANDE
staff reporter

Enrollment for Winter Quarter may look like it's slipping, but Associate Dean for Enrollment Services Kate Bligh says the first day numbers aren't to be trusted.

"The 10th class day is the critical information," she says. Bligh says that after 10 days into the quarter there was a total headcount of 8,026 students. That's over 1,000 more than the first day headcount of this quarter, which was 6,836 students. This year's headcount is slightly lower than last year's 6,865 students; however, the decrease is only about 0.5 percent.

Bligh, though, says first day numbers aren't always a fair representation of actual enrollment. The 10th day numbers, she says, more accurately reflect enrollment because these are the numbers used to obtain state funding.

"It's on the 10th day we submit to the state our numbers," Bligh says. "And based on the numbers we report, we're given funding." The student population is broken down into Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), which is the total number of credits being taken at the college divided by 15.

The number of FTEs for this quarter was 4,636 as of the tenth day, whereas last year there were 4,324 FTEs by the 10th day of Winter Quarter. When the 10th day numbers of FTEs for both years are compared, 2007 shows a 7.2 percent increase. The number of FTEs counted on

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Food bank is feeding students

BY MEGHAN TAVARES
staff reporter

Highline's program WinGS is successfully taking flight. WinGS, which stands for Within Good Souls, is an organization on campus that distributes items such as clothing, food, and supplies to anyone who may need it.

It has encouraged students as well as the staff at Highline to come together putting others before themselves and promoting goodwill around the campus, organizers say.

Temporarily located in a storage closet in Building 23, they give away one to two bags of food per person a week, supplies, and clothing to anyone from the Highline community who may need it. There is no catch - no applications, no questions, and no expectations. However, you might get a friendly smile from Susann McKenzie, who opens the door every Monday and Tuesday from noon - 2 p.m. and 7:30-8 p.m.

WinGS has no leaders, only volunteers. The group includes Susann McKenzie; her daughter Adrienne; Tommy Burnett; and

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Plant sale withers on the vine

Illness, absence rob annual event of two key players

BY JOCIE OLSON
staff reporter

Highline's spring plant sale will be dormant this year.

"The main reason this particular spring we will not be having a plant sale is there will be no botany class offered because Gerry Barclay, biology instructor, will be taking a professional leave of absence," said Biology Instructional Technician Donn Walter.

The botany class, usually offered every spring, contributes many plant starts to the sale.

It is one of the most popular events on campus, one that many home gardeners look forward to.

The second reason, Walter explained, is because he came down with a lung disease this past summer.

The disease is caused from an overactive immune system where his body thinks that he is sick when he really isn't.

"I'm headed towards home plate," Walter said explaining that he is on his way to recovery.

He and his wife, Sabine Walter, volunteer about 400-500 extra hours between the two of them and Donn's health issues and Barclay's professional leave of absence they decided to postpone the plant sale a year.

"We will definitely be back next year," Walter said.

The purpose of the plant sale is to develop a sense of community and to get people involved in what's happening. Walter said.

"It is fun and we can sell the plants for cheaper than people can get them for," Walter said.

The money that is made during the plant sale goes into buying equipment and seeds for the next year's plant sale.

A variety of plants are grown for the sale. All of the plants are grown in Highline's large greenhouse where they are started from seeds and then transplanted into pots.

"We grow sunflowers, squash, tomatoes, pumpkins, peppers, cucumbers, and a large variety of flowers," Walter said.

For more information about the plant sale contact Donn Walter at dwalter@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3021.
CSI: HIGHLINE

Items filched from car

A car was broken into in the north parking lot on Jan. 28 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The car might have been unlocked and there were no signs of a forced entry. There were $900 worth of items stolen.

Group told to leave

Campus Security asked a group of 17 individuals in Building 25 for ID on Jan. 26. Following the check, Security asked all 17 juveniles to leave.

Staff member falls ill

Security was called to Building 6 on Jan. 26 when a staff member complained of heavy chest and arm pains. The staff member told Security she had high blood pressure. The Fire Department arrived and evaluated her condition, but she declined medical transport.

Headphones pilfered

A student reported the theft of a set of California brand headphones from the library on Jan. 25 around 8 p.m.

Lost property

• A black Tommy bag with a book and Bible inside was lost on Jan. 29 around 1 p.m.
• A blue backpack containing textbooks and a birth certificate were lost on Jan. 26 around 1 p.m.

Found property

• A women's handbag (owner known) was found around 9:20 p.m. on Jan. 26.
• A Motorola Bluetooth headset was found on Jan. 26 around 6 p.m.
• A dark blue and black binder, black gloves, and a dark blue knit cap were found on Jan. 25 around 6:45 p.m.
• One checkbook was found in Building 8 (the bookstore) at 9:39 a.m. on Jan. 24. The owner is known.

' Burglar' breaks into own home

Police responded Wednesday afternoon to a supposed burglary after it was reported that their suspect was breaking into his own home.

The suspect, it seems, had just gotten home and was locked out.

Officer Bob Collins of Des Moines Police said a neighbor had made the call that brought three squad cars to 26th place south of 240th street.

"They saw a subject crawl through the window of a house," he said.

"The neighbors said they had never seen that subject before, so we responded as if it was a burglary," said Collins.

Collins said that the individual looked like a Mt. Rainier High School student who came home to a locked door.

While there was no real incident, Collins said the trip wasn’t wasted effort.

"We fully understand people calling in for that and we have no problem responding to it," he said.

Science Seminar is moving mountains

Learn more about the activity of Mount St. Helens at this week’s Science Seminar.

Dr. Eric Baer will be the presenter of The Erupting Volcano in Our Own Backyard: The Ongoing Eruption of Mount St. Helens. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Science Seminar is held every Friday in Building 3, room 102 from 2-3:10 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513, or at ebaer@highline.edu.

Magic at Highline

Be spellbound by The Illusionist at this week’s Movie Fridays.

Directed by Neil Burger, The Illusionist tells the story of a magician in Vienna during the early 1900s who loves a woman above his social class, which causes ramifications for Vienna’s royalty.

Movie Fridays are open to everyone and are held in the Mt. Constance Room in the Student Union at noon.

For more information, contact Roman Wright at 206-878-3710, ext. 3999, or at rwright@highline.edu.

How to save a life

Highline’s Nursing program wants everyone to make a difference in people’s lives by donating blood.

The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Feb. 6 in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 1-3 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to donate blood.

For more information or to schedule a donation time, contact Teresa Trillo at 206-878-3710, ext. 3646, or at trillo@highline.edu.

Get the truth

Highline’s Environmental Club wants you to get the truth about global warming. They will be screening An Inconvenient Truth. A post-film discussion on global warming will also take place.

It will be shown on Feb. 9 in Building 7 at noon and 7 p.m.

Corrections

In an article about Aaron Dixon in last week’s edition of the Highline Thunderword, the byline should have been credited to Arnel Custic.

In an article about Library changes in last week’s edition, Monica Luce should have been identified as the Interim Director of the Library.

Patric Cabello/Thunderword

Des Moines Police responded to a call of a suspected burglary on Wednesday, Feb. 31. It turned out the suspect was merely locked out of his own home and climbed through a window to get in. Police said this should not stop people from calling in suspected burglaries.

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Take Dr. King 101

Learn about the nonviolent philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Power of Nonviolence will be a discussion on Dr. King’s peaceful strategy.

It will take place on Feb. 2 in Building 2 from 2-4 p.m.

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College officials answer to snow days

BY JUDY VUE

Although the snow has melted away since Jan. 16, the questions about that day still remain.

Why did Highline still remain open while other community colleges around the area were closed? What was the point when so many students couldn’t even get out of their driveways?

“There was an expectation that snow and ice would be melted (later in the day),” said Highline Vice President Larry Yok.

“At 4 a.m. there was no snow; at 5:15, I got a call there was snow coming in,” Yok said.

Head of Campus Security Richard Noyer said that “listening to several weather reports... the snow would turn into rain by 9 a.m.”

The conditions necessary for a school closure to take place are if roads are not passable in the immediate area and there is no power or working utilities, college officials say.

Yok, in addition to Interim President Jack Bermingham and Noyer, decided those conditions did not apply and made the decision to leave school open, although at a delayed time of 9:30 a.m.

“We didn’t want to lose a week of instruction,” Yok said, referring to Thursday’s closure and Friday’s delayed start the previous week.

“Our campus is open for students and instructors [who wanted to get to school],” Yok said.

Despite this, attendance appeared to be lacking in many classes and that was if classes were even being held at all, as a number of instructors were unable to make it to Highline either.

Many students in Federal Way couldn’t even get out of their driveways, they said.

Other students who relied on the Metro were left to wait longer or give up as buses were filled to capacity.

Yok said that he himself did not experience major trouble getting to Highline, although he did acknowledge it was a “slow drive.”

He acknowledged that many students’ and personnel’s surrounding communities were experiencing different levels of snowfall, some worse than others.

However, he said “it’s impossible” to know what was precisely happening to everyone and wanted to leave the campus open for those who could and wanted to come.

“Our primary obligation is to make sure the campus is open and available,” Yok said.

From this experience, Yok has plans to improve procedures for the future.

One idea he has in mind is to stop using SchoolReport.org in order to notify students who visit Highline’s Website for school closure news.

When going to the school website (www.highline.edu) to look for closure info, a student must subsequently click on a link for SchoolReport.org in order to get an official announcement on Highline’s closure status.

Yok hopes to do away with that by having more up-to-date notifications put directly on the front page of Highline’s Website instead of depending on SchoolReport.org.

However, it appears that for the time being, the concern of more snowstorms and school closures is waning.

“It is my fervent hope that we don’t have anymore,” Yok said with a hopeful smile.
Where in the world is Highline's graduation?

Lately, the Highline administration decision and judgment making has seemed to be a little confusing. The unexplained firing of Dr. Bell, leaving campus open after the disastrous snowfall, and the uncertain atmosphere surrounding various offices has left many scratching their heads.

Highline administration failed to book the Tacoma Dome for commencement this year, leaving no choice but to have it on campus. As a result, students will have to limit the amount of people they invite to graduation.

How can such an important event be so neglected? What is going on within the administration that caused them to overlook such an important event?

Some have cited that the dissatisfaction with the acoustics of the Dome resulted in a voluntary choice not to book the site. Those in attendance at past Commencement ceremonies at the Dome will quickly deny any significant problems with the sound.

This arguably looks like a case of "you snooze, you lose." They put it off until it was too late and now students will be the ones suffering for their oversight. No matter what remedy they come up with, the uncertain atmosphere surrounding various offices has left many scratching their heads.

The most damage sustained in this ordeal stands in the trust the students have in the administration’s reliability.

In the defense of the administration, there have been drastic changes and shifts in the staff. Students should try to be sympathetic to the administration and the new hires, as they do their best to keep Highline running. Every quarter brings new people, experiences, and challenges.

This requires a time to find footing and to adjust. But, there is only so much time and patience that can be given. When such a significant thing as booking a venue is overlooked, it’s a prime time to take stock of the situation and get a hold of it.

Commencement is a chance for students to celebrate and reflect on their academic achievements at Highline. It gives them the opportunity to share their success with friends and family. For some, the ceremony symbolizes the culmination of all their hard work and determination.

Graduates will now have to pick and choose who to share that experience with, and that is unfortunate. Students who plan on participating in Commencement are hard at work getting their last few credits in order, fulfilling the last few requirements. The last thing they should be worrying about is the number of people they will be able to invite.

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"When I dream I realize I'm dreaming and do things I would never do."

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Under the influence of others

My 2s weren't terrible and my 16th was neither sweet nor super. I didn't spend my 21st birthday in a bar filled with cheering patrons, celebrating my newfound freedom.

Instead, I spent it at home, sober, surrounded by friends and family. It may sound dreary to some, but it was how I had always envisioned it to be.

During my childhood my parents lectured me on the dangers of drinking.

They hardened a belief that the negatives outweigh the positives. The public school system and driver's education fueled the fire, with their educational videos on drinking and driving. Being the obedient adolescent I was, I absorbed every bit of prejudice into the lifestyle of drinking.

Not even wine would get any type of special treatment. Some would ask me, "What will you drink at your wedding?"

"Sparkling cider," I proudly replied. It's only been over the last three years that I've been demonoing drinking has evolved into an informed understanding of its use as a social lubricant and celebratory beverage.

I had my first encounter with a drinking crowd not too long ago. My friends had just moved into a new place together, and we were having a party to celebrate the occasion. Along with me and my close group of friends, they invited their own tight knit group of friends from around the area.

We arrived at their place, immediately greeted hospitably, with the offering of drinks and snacks. As the first to arrive, we spent the better part of an hour talking, catching up on current events. Then one after another, the other guests began to arrive. Within the next hour, just under a dozen filled the apartment.

Music was put on, people began to mingle, and drinks were served. I distanced myself from them at first, unsure that I would have anything to discuss with these people. They sat beside me, beers in hand, and began to strike up conversation. Much to my comfort, the fact that I didn't have a drink never came up.

Gradually I warmed up to them and ended up having a fun time. Since then I've attended a few more parties and had the same pleasant experience.

I had let people of authority affect my view of what drinking was like, and what it said about the person. This had kept me from attending parties, the fear of peer pressure.

This doesn't change my decision on drinking, though. I prefer not to use, so that I am not tempted to use to an excess. I want my memories of parties to be vivid, and not clouded with the fog that drinking can bring. I do not want my attitude to be altered, my speech slurred, or my vision hazy. I want to be in complete control of my actions.

That's not to say that choosing to drink makes you a bad person. Whether someone is a good person isn't determined whether they choose to drink. It is character that I use to measure the quality of a person. I stand confidently in my choice to abstain from drinking, but I no longer judge those who choose to.

If we judge those based off a single difference of opinion, we can often be left surrounded by very few people.

David gets drunk on life.

Submissions invited to Thunderword

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community. Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered. Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less. Submissions that are too long may be subject to editing for length. Material that libels others will not be considered for publication. Please include contact information as all submissions must be confirmed as belonging to the author(s).

Deadline for submissions is Monday of each week. E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu
By ALICIA MENDEZ

Sasha Su-Ling Welland writes a tale of two perspectives in a movement driven by opposing political powers, and equal right opportunities in her book One Thousand Miles of Dreams | The journey of two Chinese sisters.

Welland, an assistant anthropology professor at the University of Washington, will be discussing this book at the first Highline Reads of the quarter in the Mt. Constance Room at noon.

Highline is an opportunity for students to listen to the work of a writer or poet, and have their questions answered in a discussion about the writer's work. She is the first non-staff, faculty, and past and present student.

For Welland, researching about her grandmother and great aunts' life was a journey all on her own. It began in 1989 for Welland she said. She had just moved to California and so did her grandparents. After her grandfather passed away she took to spending time with her grandmother to fill the loneliness.

"She started telling me a lot of stories about her growing up in China and her immigration to the U.S. I was really shocked by her stories because I had grown up in the northwest in Missouri," Welland said.

Welland said the stereotypes she faced growing up in Missouri, were much different than the stereotypical grandmother had to face. Growing up in Missouri Welland said she was surrounded by two distinct skin tones, white, and brown. Since she is half Chinese she found herself in the awkward middle. Her grandmother however, faced much different stereotypes. Eventually Welland took to recording the stories her grandmother would tell her.

As a college student at Stanford University, Welland struggled to declare a major, but with the sudden interest sparked by her grandmother, she created a major all on her own.

The research involved in her study allowed Welland to receive an undergraduate grant to travel to China to study her family's past. During her journey she discovered her great aunt, which her grandmother never mentioned often, had been a known writer in China. She learned while her grandmother and great aunt were both revolutionaries of their time, they went about it two different completely different ways.

This only inspired Welland to press on, dig further, and learn more about the family, age, and culture.

"I think my grandmother didn't necessarily tell anyone about what her sister did because she didn't like what she wrote. Most of the stuff she had published was in China and in Chinese so that's why I started learning Chinese," Welland said.

The two sisters were feminists, and believed something needed to change in China in order for women to feel stronger, and grow.

"It was a pretty amazing moment in China. In the earliest 20th century there was a lot of talk of how to reform the nation...a lot of that had to do with women and even men becoming modern...There were kind of all these revolutions going."

Welland said.

After spending hours talking with her grandmother and great aunt, she learned that two of them had two very different tales of their life.

For example, her great aunt, who eventually migrated to England, wrote books about men and all their wives, and even imitated their father had six wives. On the other hand her grandmother, who migrated to the U.S. initially just for doctorate school, assimilated to western culture and divided out her family tree as only have one father and one mother.

"What I learned is anybody who tells their story they're going to choose to edit it to they way they want the audience to hear it...we craft all our stories," Welland said.

Welland said while the two of them in their own ways succeeded parts of their dreams, they still had to compromise, during today's Highline Reads Welland will discuss the journeys of her creating her book, and how it affected her. Naturally, she will read excerpts from her book, but will address much of the tensions going on in China in the early 1900 and empowering women during the feminist movement.

Choir Chorale's silent auction raises a little to go a long way

By ALICIA MENDEZ

The Choir Chorale was able to raise $1,600 during their silent auction last Thursday.

The choir held the auction helped raise money toward the choir's upcoming trip to Carnegie Hall in New York. The choir had been invited by Dr. Jeffery Boers from University of Washington to join three other choirs to create a concert choir.

"$1,600 will cover about one student, but it will get spread out among all the students," Michelle Searle choir chorale member said.

The choir held the auction from 10:30 a.m. till 7 p.m. on Thursday. Certain items were closed early, and many of them went for less than their value.

"Most items definitely went for less than their value, the largest item we sold was river rafting trip and that went for $130."

Searle said.

Searle said that many of the bidders are giving them more than bid on the item for.

"As far as I know it brings us down to about $11,500 that we still owe," Searle said.

Despite the fact that the trip is nearing, Searle is not losing hope that they will not have their trip fully funded and has more fundraising plans in the near future.

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Bakers can get a rise out of yeast bread

If you rise to the challenge, yeast breads can become one of the most rewarding foods you will bake.

Although we take it for granted today, there was a time when you couldn’t just go to the grocery store and buy a loaf of bread. Instead, bread making was a part of people’s daily life.

Today, though, it is easier to go to your local grocery store and just buy a loaf, and sometimes it’s cheaper. But, as with many things, homemade bread just seems to taste better.

Maybe that’s because of everything that goes into making it.

The key element in yeast breads is the yeast. Yeast is a living organism that acts as a leavening agent, producing carbon dioxide.

Yeast comes in a few different forms including active yeast, also known as fresh yeast, active dry yeast, and instant yeast.

Cake yeast is used by professionals, bakers, and has a shorter shelf life and can be found in the refrigerator aisle at your local grocery store.

Active dry yeast is the most common and is available in 1/4 ounce packets or jars.

Instant yeast absorbs liquids rapidly and doesn’t need time to proof.

To proof active dry, disolve it in warm water and let the mixture set until it resembles foam.

There are two types of dough, lean dough and enriched dough. Lean dough consists of flour, water, salt, and yeast, while enriched dough contains also contains flour, water, salt, and yeast but also has fats such as eggs, butter, milk, or oil.

Another key component in making bread is time.

After mixing all the ingredients, the dough needs time to rise, and more time is needed after the dough is shaped.

When allowing the dough to rise, leave it in a warm place and cover it with a clean towel.

A technique used in many bread recipes is kneading. To knead the dough, fold it over and push down with the heel of your hand.

Then turn the dough over, fold, and push down again. Repeat this process until the dough is smooth and elastic.

For an easy white bread recipe, try this one:

5 1/2 - 6 1/4 cups flour
1 package or 2 1/4 teaspoons of active dry yeast
2 1/2 cups of milk
2 tablespoons of sugar
1/2 teaspoon of salt

Combine 2 1/2 cups of four active yeast in a mixing bowl. In a saucepan, stir together milk, sugar, butter, and salt until mixture is just warm.

Mix together milk, mixture and dry mixture. Beat on medium speed for about 30 seconds and then beat on high for 3 minutes. Stir in as much of the leftover flour as possible.

On a lightly floured surface, knead in the remaining flour until dough is smooth and elastic. This will take about 6-8 minutes.

Shape the dough into a ball and place it, in a lightly greased bowl, turning it over once to grease the top of the dough.

Cover and let it rise in a warm place until the dough doubles in size. This will take about 45-60 minutes.

Punch dough down and place on a floured surface. Divide dough in half and let it rest for 10 minutes.

Grease two loaf pans and then shape each half into a loaf.

Place each in the prepared loaf pans and cover and let rise until it is almost doubled in size. This will take about 30-40 minutes.

Bake at 375° for about 40 minutes or until bread sounds hollow when it is tapped. Remove bread from pans and cool on wire racks. Makes 2 loaves.

For a yeast bread that is as delicious as it looks you should try this bubble cheese loaf.

White bread and bubble loaf don’t just look tasty, they’re phenom-inal.

1 package or 2 1/4 teaspoons of active dry yeast
1 teaspoon of sugar
1 cup of warm water
3 cups of all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon of salt
2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
1 cup of shredded Monterey Jack cheese
4 tablespoons of butter (melted)
1/2 teaspoon of thyme
1/4 teaspoon of oregano
1/4 teaspoon of basil

In a small bowl, pour yeast and sugar over warm water and stir until the yeast dissolves. Let mixture stand for about 5 minutes or until it is bubbly.

Mix together flour and salt in a large bowl or food processor. With the mixer running, add yeast mixture and oil. Mix until the dough forms a ball. Form the side of the bowl. The dough should be sticky.

Place dough in a greased bowl and turn it over so that the top is greased also. Cover and let rise in a warm place for about 1 hour or until it is doubled in size.

Punch dough down and knead the cheese into the dough until it is evenly distributed. Cover and let the dough rest for 10 minutes.

Grease a 1 1/4 quart casserole dish or an 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch loaf pan and set aside. In a small bowl, combine butter, thyme, basil, and oregano.

Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface and cut into 1 inch squares with a pizza cutter. Shape each square into a ball and dip into butter mixture. Place each square into the prepared pan.

Cover with a towel and let rise for about 45 minutes or until it is doubled in size. Preheat the oven to 375°.

Bake loaf for 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown and when tapped it sounds hollow.

Makes 1 loaf.

Jocie also learned to blow bubbles out of cheese.

Ramon Tucker Blends poetry and music

BY ALICIA MENDEZ

Ramon Tucker will be the second addition to this quarter’s Blend.

The Blend is a musical venue put on by Student Programs. A different artist comes every other week and plays in the Bistro of the Student Union from 10 a.m. to noon.

Unlike the usual vocalist and guitar player, Tucker will be filling the Bistro with his poetry, short stories, and recorder playing.

Tucker took one class a couple of years ago at Highline, since then he has been focusing on his family life.

Tucker, who is now 27 years old, picked up the recorder about four years ago, he said.

While he plays music by ear and never actually writes down the notes for each song, he does write down the stories that go along with each song.

Often Tucker finds himself writing short stories, and poems. Much of these short stories are children’s literature, he said.

“I just write stories. Children’s stories, current events, and things like that,” Tucker said.

Tucker hopes to play the saxophone during his performance, however after pawnimg off his saxophone, he isn’t quite sure how to get a hold of one. He’s played the sax for over 15 years, he said.

Tucker said he doesn’t have a music list lined up for his set next Wednesday, mostly because he doesn’t title his songs.

To listen to Tucker and his melodies incorporated with a catchy poem or short story, be sure to attend next weeks Blend in the Bistro of the Student Union Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon.

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Local jeweler dazzles Des Moines

BY BRIANNE BEETS  
staff reporter

If you don’t look carefully, you just might miss Kimberley’s Exquisite Jewelry, located in the heart of Des Moines.  

Nestled between a row of shops, Kimberley’s has been open for six years.

The contemporary ambiance of Kimberley’s complements the uniqueness of the custom-designed jewelry.

Owned by jewelry proprietor Kimberley Simmons, Kimberley’s specializes in unique styles of jewelry, but “I have everything the bigger stores have, except I only have one watch band,” Simmons said.

Simmons has been in the jewelry business for 26 years, but said she came into the jewelry business by accident.

Originally from Walla Walla, Simmons came to Des Moines when she was 21.

“I took a job as an office assistant for the district manager of Zales, and I was supposed to be doing things for him behind the scenes; paperwork and such, but the sales people figured out pretty soon that I was better at closing [sales] than they were, so they would just bring the customers back to me,” Simmons said.

From there Simmons was put in charge of the office and downtown Zales, “and from there on I started picking up more and more jewelry knowledge and worked my way right through the wholesale end of it and back into retail,” Simmons said.

“I’ve worked in wholesale pearls, wholesale chains; I’ve been in manufacturing. I’ve run Williams and Sons, I helped set up Blue Nile, which is diamonds on the internet, and just about everything in the industry there is to do,” Simmons said.

Eventually Simmons chose to open her own shop, because “I prefer to work face to face and over the phone,” Simmons said.

Most of Simmons diamonds are cut in Israel, but she also purchases them from New York, Seattle, and Scottsdale.

Simmons is the sole proprietor of Kimberley’s, so although she has manufactures in Seattle and another person who helps with the shop two days a week, she is completely involved in the production of her jewelry.

“I work with the product from beginning to end,” Simmons said.

Simmons deals primarily with local customers and word of mouth advertising.

“I can’t get into an advertising war with Shane Company and Jared. That wouldn’t make sense for a one-girl shop,” Simmons said.

“If you treat people right they usually come again,” Simmons said.

The difference between Kimberley’s and the bigger jewelry chains is “they can get a custom ring here; that’s what I do, custom stuff,” Simmons said.

Simmons is also willing to share her knowledge about diamonds.

“If they [customers] want to learn about diamonds, I’m willing to give them an education about it,” Simmons said.

To get the perfect gift before Valentine’s Day Kimberley’s Exquisite Jewelry is located at 22221 7th Ave. S. Des Moines.

Above, jewelry store owner Kimberley Simmons shows a silver necklace to two customers. The bottom left photo shows some of the variations Simmons has of heart necklaces in preparation for Valentine’s Day.

Born to be a star, Anjelica Wolf is reaching new heights

BY AUDRA PATTERSON  
staff reporter

Anjelica Wolf may not strike you as an actress at first glance; her mild manner does not match the stereotype of outgoing actresses.

Born in Germany, she and her parents moved back when she was three and a half. She still has relatives living in Germany, and she has gone back twice. Once when she was five, another time when she was seven. She also visited the Czech Republic upon her second visit.

Wolf is playing a lead role, Hesione Hushabye, in Highline’s winter drama production, Heartbreak House by George Bernard Shaw.

Wolf says that her part in Les Misérables was a key moment for her. She was in the play the summer after her high school freshman year. The play and involvement with the Highliners began her active interest in performing.

Wolf ran into a few speed bumps. Her parents, like most, insisted she keep her grades up. If her grades weren’t up to par, drama was put on hold.

Currently interning at Breeder’s Theater, she is working as a stage manager for the play, Gone with the Wine. She also plays the role of a llama farmer named Gaston. The show is playing on a modified schedule due to the Super Bowl, it will show Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost $20; the profits from the Wednesday show will go to a scholarship fund for Breeder’s Theater.

Heartbreak House: A Fantasia in the Russian Manner on English Themes was written in 1919 by George Bernard Shaw. Taking place north of Sussex prior to and during World War I, the play illustrates Shaw’s beliefs about Socialism and the current economic issues in Europe.

Wolf describes her character, Mrs. Hushabye, as a diva.

“She is kind of like me, but stronger; she has a lot of presence,” said Wolf. “She doesn’t follow the crowd, her’s very bohemian.”

For auditions, actors and actresses recited a monologue.

Wolf chose a piece by Tina Howe from Appearances.

“wolf says that developing her characters and understanding them is much harder than memorizing lines.

“It’s a lot of work, a lot more than I thought it was when I was younger,” said Wolf.

Besides aspiring to become an actress, she would have liked to become an animator for Disney.

“I love Broadway musicals and one of my favorites is Sweeney Todd,” said Wolf. Cate Blanchett and Hugh Laurie (well known for his character House) are two actors Wolf admires. She plans to major in acting as a Highline graduate and move on to do the same in New York at The State University of New York Purchase, or to major in musical theatre at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Heartbreak House opens officially on Friday, March 2. A preview will be held on Feb. 28. Both events will be held in the Little Theater in building 4.
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Suduko 2007 - Week 8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, each column and each 3 by 3 box contains the numbers from one to nine.

Suduko 2007 - Week 8

Weekly Sudoku

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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7. Bar game
8. Heal
9. Residues
10. Year
11. Got away
12. An easy victory
13. Steep artificial slope
14. Comfort
15. Chose
16. Chicago gateway
17. Barnyard baby
18. Huck
19. Blank
20. Ice floe
21. Before
22. Witch
23. Barnyard baby
24. An easy victory
25. Unenclosed
26. Chart
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29. Crazy
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31. Chart
32. Overstrung
33. Oil tanker, Abbr.
34. Unpaid
35. Vegas game
36. Chicago gateway
37. Witch
38. Board game
39. Traditional knowledge
40. Charm
41. Ice
42. Bass, for one
43. Actress Jessica
44. Game of chance
45. Bernstein musical
46. Electronic devices
47. Garden beauty
48. Straightens
49. T-shirt
50. Quilters gathering
51. Pre-Euro in Rome
52. Disney's prince
53. Pit dwellers
54. Yiddish gossiper
55. Palestinian
56. Soul
57. W.C. Handy Awards
58. Ad
59. Prime Minister Golda
60. Actress Jessica
61. Impressive display
62. Actors' quests
63. Game of chance
64. Green Gables resident
65. Poet's oft used word
66. Encourage
67. Quilters gatherings
68. Top tournament players
69. Famed Tuscan tower

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Reserve T-Bird plays big role from the bench

**BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN**

James Thorn isn't always on the court, but he plays a big part on the Highline men's basketball team.

Stats don't always tell the story. While he might not be the most visible on the court or play the most minutes, Thorn is in many ways the core of the team.

Thorn, 6'3", has a pleasant face, and probably the longest hair on the team. His cornrow braids make him easily identifiable from the stands.

"I feel like I bring a lot of energy and try to keep the team together," Thorn said. "I just sacrifice whatever I can for the greater good."

Thorn said that they all say at their goals are before a game, and his is always to give his all on the court, and not hold back.

"I give everything and leave nothing behind so I know that I did everything in my power to help us to a victory," Thorn said.

Persistence and hard work have paid off in Thorn's case. This is his third year at Highline.

The first year he tried out for the basketball team he got cut.

Thorn said that right before the tryouts he had to have an emergency surgery to have his appendix removed.

He said he wasn't sure he'd make the team but he tried out anyways.

Thorn ran track for Highline that year.

The track program, along with basketball was part of the reason Thorn chose to go to Highline.

"I was going to go to TCC (Tacoma Community College) and play basketball, but I heard that Highline had good basketball and track programs," he said.

Thorn tried out for the basketball team again the following year and was the only walk-on to make it. He played on Highline's championship team last year.

"The second year I said I was going to make the team no matter what," he said.

"James provides an incredible amount of positive energy and an incredible attitude," said men's basketball Head Coach Che Dawson. "He has a do-

Although Thorn plays a part of keeping up the team's morale, it's not always the role he wants to play.

"Last year I felt like I was a part of the team because of the role I had. This year I would like a role on the court," said Thorn.

"If we need something done (like we need to make a big play), I would like a responsibility like that," he said. "But I think everybody wants that role. That's pretty normal."

Thorn says that while this team is different from the championship team they still have as much fun.

"We had a whole bunch of characters last year, this year we do too but we're the same Highline team - just crazy and hilarious, we live it up," he said.

Thorn, 20, has not yet decided exactly what direction he's going academically or with his career.

"Now it's really blurry. It just seems so final to pick a career so I don't really think about it," he said.

Thorn will graduate from Highline at the end of this quarter with an associate of the arts degree.

"I want to play organized basketball as much as I can for as long as I can," said Thorn. "For right now this is my career."

"It's pretty far-fetched (playing professional basketball), I don't know about being a coach or anything but basketball's just got to be a part of my life," he said.

Thorn said he might go to Montana State to play because he has a brother up there and then they could both play on the same team.

The Highline Thunderbirds are currently second in the West Division and have seven more games until the NWAACC tournament.

"We have a real good chance of winning the NWAACC, because we don't think that just because we have the H on our jerseys we're going to win," Thorn said.
Lady T-Birds maintain first place in West Division

By Yonas Woldemichael
staff reporter

Eight games into the regular season, the Lady T-Birds have finally moved into first place for both the season and West Division play (7-1 for league, 17-4 overall).

It has been over a month since Highline has seen a loss and nothing appears to be slowing down their momentum. The Lady T-Birds beat both Lower Columbia and Grays Harbor this week, turning a season that started 4-4 into a 6-2 league record (10-7 overall) and Green River (2-6 league, 3-15 overall) this weekend.

T-Birds CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Highline started the game flat, giving up turnovers and easy baskets, and Green River jumped to a quick 22-9 lead within the first nine minutes. A few acrobatic steals and a Vaughan Gaines three-pointer later, Highline had crept to within a few points, and a Webb jumper knotted the score at 28 with 5:03 left to go in the first half.

Green River was able to shut out Bruce's scoring below the basket, although Bruce still brought down nine boards in the first half. The half ended with the Thunderbirds trailing 40-36, having played a sloppy half filled with easy baskets for the Gators.

But Highline came out of the locker-room strong, with two back-to-back-to-back three-pointers to bring the score to 51-45. Highline executed its plays, never letting Green River get any closer than six points until the final seconds of the game.

With the Thunderbirds leading 84-77 with two seconds left to go, Green River inbounded the ball to Banard Banks, who spun, nearly 75 feet from the basket. As the buzzer sounded, the ball swished through the net, sending a collective gasp through the fans. But it was too little too late, and the final score was 84-80. Highline improved to 6-2 with the win.

Anderson led the Thunderbirds, scoring 24 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, and have come a long way, but to become a championship team we are not as good [as Lower Columbia]. They have only won three games all year. We did not come focused and ready to play and it showed," said Rowe. "When we come to play, we are pretty darn good. "But when we just show up we are just like everybody else," Rowe said. "We are not that much better than everybody else that we don't have to show up."

The win was a sloppy one with Highline shooting 3 for 19 from three-point range, and finishing the game with a total of 17 turnovers.

Turnovers have yet to catch up with Highline's way of play as they are averaging near 20 turnovers a game as of late.

"We (Highline) are marked with a target and every other team is going to be coming after us now," Assistant Coach Damien Crump said.

"Tommorow game against Tacoma (7-1 league, 13-6 overall) is going to really determine if we are going to be league and division champions," Crump said. "We are a talented team and have come a long way, but to become a championship team we need to fix some things."

Results from Wednesday's game against Tacoma were not available at press time. Highline has an upcoming away game on Feb. 3 against Pierce. This will be followed by three home games on Feb. 7, 10, and 14 against Grays Harbor, Centralia, and South Puget Sound.

"I think the top eight in the NWAACC poll all have a shot at the championship. Lane has been there before and Yakima Valley is stacked. Anyone can win this year," said Rowe.
The Thunderbird wrestlers finished off the season with another forfeit-riddled meet against Clackamas and a no-show from Yakima Valley.

"We had injuries and skin infections that needed to be cleared, and I did not want to take less than half of a team," Yakima Valley Head Coach Tito Marent said.

The final score of the meet, six days after their last meeting in Cougar territory, was 32-18 in favor of Clackamas.

Highline forfeited the 125-pound weight class to Brian Jacob, as Steven Velasquez rose to 133 to take on Cougar Shane Rhoden.

The 133-pound weight division has recently lost its second Highline wrestler after Chris Mather was ineligible to compete due to a one-credit deficiency and had his waiver turned down.

Mather said he will be red-shirting the remainder of the season and will wrestle again next season.

Rhoden pinned Velasquez at 1:50, which combined with the forfeit gave Clackamas an immediate 12-point lead.

Anthony Heffernan accepted a forfeit at 141 pounds, making the score 12-6.

At 149 pounds Highline's Michael Markley faced off against Sam Schmitz, a Clackamas wrestler who was recently ranked fourth in the NJCAA coaches poll with a record of 17-3. Schmitz won a 14-6 decision, increasing Clackamas' lead by four to 16-6.

Another forfeit at 157, followed by a major decision victory for Clackamas' Alex Bubb over Riley Cornett at 165 put Highline down by 20.

Thunderbird Lionel Orji gave Highline its first foothold on the match with an 8-6 decision over Cougar Luis Cisneros, which followed by a forfeit at 184 to Highline's Brad Paddgett started to close the vast but not insurmountable lead the Cougars had stacked up thus far.

Highline 197 pounder Zach Nims then took the mat and battled Cougar Richard Jensen into a 3-1 overtime victory, despite receiving a shiner inducing head-butt after a failed Jensen shoot.

Nims doubts the head-butt was intentional, and is only critical upon himself for wrestling too timidly, but said he will carry the lesson into the postseason.

The meet came to a close when Clackamas' John Bates pinned Highline heavyweight Roy Chambers for the second time in six days.

This was the fourth time in seven days Highline had to make weight, which is tough, Heffernan said.

Despite some victories over non-NWAC affiliated teams and impressive tournament displays, Highline has finished off the season with an 0-6 record against the other three teams in their division.

The Region 18 tournament will be hosted by Yakima Valley on Saturday Feb. 10, where the wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. and go all day.

The national tournament will follow on Feb. 23-24 in Rochester, Minn.

'This Bash' this softball auction into your schedule

Lady T-Birds softball team looks to score big at the Seventh Annual Diamond Bash dinner and auction.

The auction is being held Friday, Feb. 9 in the Student Union (Building 8) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The auction is to raise funds for the Lady T-Birds softball team, and will go primarily toward equipment and travel expenses. Last year the auction raised $14,000 for the team.

Tickets are $15 per person, and can be purchased at the door or by calling the Highline Foundation at 206-378-3710, ext. 3446.

Items to be auctioned include trips to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Tucson, AZ; and Harstene Island in South Puget Sound. Also up for auction are a variety of baskets of spa materials, wine, martinis, and assorted food.

Other than the bigger items donated by Highline Athletic Director John Dunn and other friends of the Softball program, the Lady T-Birds have been responsible for gathering support from local businesses.

The auction will support a slim in quantity but thick in quality team consisting of really good, solid freshman players and a strong leader in returning sophomore Amanda Hauser, Head Coach Anne Schmidt said.

The night will begin with a silent auction at 5 p.m., followed by the live auction during dinner where roughly 40 items will be auctioned off by a professional auctioneer.

If you have any auction items to donate, visit http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/athletics/fastpitch/auction.htm, click on the procurement form link, and send the donation to the address on the form.

All donations are tax deductible.

Additional reporting done by Jacob Dust.
Playful Pittman participates in many programs

BY MELODY ERIKSEN
staff reporter

Paul Pittman has his feet in two worlds.

On the one hand, the Highline School District's student government president is a typical, 18-year-old student, who is not above the occasional yard-stick sword fight, collecting Ninja Turtles, or stacking up the odd Lincoln Log. On the other hand, he reads Aristotle and helps a campus committee decide which new faculty member gets tenure and which doesn’t.

Pittman, 18, is starting his second year at Highline.

In his official duties as one of only two elected student officials, Pittman makes the agenda for Student Government meetings and incorporates student comments into budget requests and voting into the meeting.

Pittman is the student representative on the Tenure Committee and is involved with the Student Initiatives program, which designs activities that suit the needs of high school students.

Pittman is also involved in the Recycling Committee, which is currently trying to get students to volunteer in picking up recycling around campus and dropping it off at the dump site. Above all, Pittman wants to know his students’ needs.

For example, he said students often are concerned about the cost of textbooks. He says the student government should look into a survey of cost of textbooks and incorporate how these subjects can be fun and show what careers are worthwhile.

“Non-traditional for women, but something worthwhile and definitely not a waste of time. Since coming to Highline, Pittman feels he has grown smarter, more talkative, better at taking initiative, and developing his leadership skills.

“If cool taking pictures for the Thunderword, it was something new,” said Pittman. Pittman took photos for the Thunderword in Fall 2005.

“Paul is really passionate about his work, and is very attentive to the needs of the students,” said Doris Martinez, president of the United Latino Association (ULA). “He always tries to find a way to make resources available.”

“Working with him is really positive; he has a real team spirit and is really helpful in collaborating with,” said Jennifer Graybill who works with the Caeusences. Pittman reveals that he really enjoys building things.

He smiles as he talks about a wooden dinosaur that his younger sister brought for him from China. Pittman said that one of his major goals is to travel around the world.

Horizons will benefit young girls

BY ALYSSA HOFFMAN
staff reporter

Junior High students will take a step into their future in March, as the Expanding your Horizons Conference is returning to Highline again this year.

The Expanding your Horizons Conference is aimed at seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls to broaden their knowledge in math, science, and technology professions which may be non-traditional for women, but worthwhile.

“Also, the program aids in incorporating how these subjects can be fun and show what careers offer them,” said Andrea Tinney, coordinator of the presenters and P.E. teacher here at Highline. The conference includes Auburn, Kent, Renton, Enumclaw, Federal Way, and Highline school districts (including junior high and private schools). Each school district receives 150-200 invitations. Generally, about 400-650 girls attend the workshop.

“The girls attend four workshops out of the 30 available during the day, including presenters from respiratory care, medicine from Virginia Mason, sexual assault (Shelly, engineering), archaeology (architect, marine biology), veterinarian, math department, accounting, real estate, and Microsoft,” said Andrea Tinney. “But there is one class that is mandatory which is Speak Up that teaches girls to be confident and safe.”

The conference costs $15 and includes food for the day.

“It’s a great conference. We always receive positive feedback — the only negative feedback would be the girls couldn’t attend every workshop available, but all the girls love the event and say they have learned a lot. The students have even come back and become presenters,” said Tinney.

The conference, which is still in need of five-10 presenters, is scheduled for March 27, 2007 from 11 a.m. — 5:15 p.m.

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Bob Baugher gets teary eyed over science

BY ARNIE CUSTIC
staff reporter

Crying is considered wrong and embarrassing, oftentimes, but it's actually a normal human behavior, one expert said here Friday.

Highline’s Dr. Bob Baugher, self-proclaimed “doctor of cryology,” presented a Science Seminar in front of 45 people. Highline holds weekly Science Seminars in which experts attend and present on various topics of interest.

Last week’s seminar was a tearful endeavor.

“In fact, crying is a form of relief,” said Baugher. “It’s a way to relieve oneself from whatever it is that the person is feeling or doing, whether it’s tears of pain, joy, laughter, caused by onions, and embarrassing oftentimes,” said Baugher.

Many people don’t know, Baugher said, that tears caused by onions and tears caused by psychic tears, Baugher said, “we attempted to include laughing tears into our experiment as well but were unable to because we couldn’t get them to laugh hard enough to cry.”

Baugher said that crying is good for people.

“The body is like a hydraulic system; when one aspect of it is feeling some sort of pressure it automatically needs to be released somewhere, which makes crying a great form of relief.”

Baugher continued his research on tears by interviewing William Fry, another expert on tears who has become somewhat familiar with his Dry Eye & Tear Clinic.

“I called him and I asked him about his experiment in which he gathered some volunteers and asked them to keep a 30-day diary of when they cried and what caused the tears,” he said. “Fry did a good job on his experiment but the problem he had was that he was misquoted a lot. People used to say that Fry proved that laughing tears and natural tears were exactly the same when in fact he wasn’t able to figure it out.”

Baugher said that it’s Ok for people to cry, it’s nothing to be ashamed of because everyone does it, it’s just a matter of time.

“It’s all in the genetics. Some people cry easily and some people don’t; you just have to understand this.”

This week’s Science Seminar will be the ongoing eruption of Mount St. Helens, presented by Dr. Eric Baer. Science Seminar is on Fridays from 2:10-3:00 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

For more information about Science Seminar, contact Dr. Eric Baer at ebaer@highline.edu, or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3513.

Open doors for Brice were knocked down by family

BY BRIANNE BEETS
staff reporter

Darryl Brice shed a few tears during an emotional presentation this week’s Honor’s Colloquy.

Honor’s Colloquy is a weekly event where different speakers talk about “opening doors,” a long running theme. Brice, a sociology and criminology professor at Highline, based his speech on that very subject.

“For me to be here is a series of opening doors and knocking them down,” Brice said.

Brice’s presentation was a story of his life growing up in Baltimore, where “76 percent of African American men don’t graduate,” Brice said.

Brice choked up a little when he talked about his parents divorce when he was 5; his brother was 18 and joined the Navy to support the family.

Due to the low percentage of African American men not graduating in Baltimore, Brice’s mother refused to let her children go through the public school systems. Because of this, Brice’s mother had to work three jobs. “I had to watch my mother skip meals for us,” Brice said.

By the age of 14, Brice got his first job at a catering company.

Brice recalled that his brothers would work him to death so that he would decide to continue his education instead of having to struggle with a low paying job.

He went to Baltimore Community College, where he took 12 credits of biology and 12 credits of chemistry.

Brice attended graduate school at Loyola University in Chicago. He became a research assistant for one of his professors, and “teaching came in my third year. Loyola laid off a bunch of professors, so graduate students taught. I got another opportunity for valuable teaching experience,” Brice said.

After graduating with a master’s from Loyola, Brice was encouraged by a friend and mentor to look for work in Washington. A colleague and friend of Brice set him up an interview with Highline, where “I bombed my interview, but they took a gamble on me anyway,” Brice said.

“I spend most of my time in class just convincing people that I know what the hell I’m talking about,” Brice said.

Brice ended the presentation with reminding the audience that when people open doors to help them succeed, “make sure that you open doors for other people to get through.”

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1. Sportswriter - Want to write about college sports? Have a little experience or a lot of desire? See us in 10-106.

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For details on these positions, see T.M. Sell in 10-106, or e-mail thunderword@highline.edu for more information.
Des Moines espresso shop changes owners

BY BEKA SIMMONS

STAFF REPORTER

Marine View Espresso is getting new owners, again.

Previous owner, Mohammed Ali, hands a customer her purchase from the Marine View Espresso.

After being laid off at Boeing, Ali took a business venture and "started small and then moved up." Ali is still moving up, he is going to be working on his dream. Ali is opening a sports bar in Renton or Seattle.

The Wymans are a local couple, who fell in love with the cafe, said Ali.

AFTER ALI got rid of the cafe and espresso shop's old name, Cafe Debra, the Des Moines community was a little hesitant about his arrival. Ali said that 80 percent of his customers were regulars, and he quickly realized that "Des Moines customers don't really like change." Ali didn't listen, and kept going. He doubled the size of the menu, adding items such as wraps, and rice bowls.

Ali said the Wymans will start their business venture with no restaurant business experience. Ali has been in the hospitality business since 1992, and started at the Sheraton Hotel. Owning Marine View Espresso has been a very exciting one. "It's a different environment," Ali said.

Career Resource Center offers a variety of workshops

BY MELODY ERIKSEN

STAFF REPORTER

By going to the Winter Quarter workshops, students at Highline can learn things to apply in both the classroom and the workforce.

The Counseling and Career Resource Center is putting on its Winter Quarter workshops for 2007.

The counseling center is in charge of the Winter Quarter workshops series. The topics Highline counselor Thressa Alston reports are always different each year.

The Career Workshops program started up in 1968 and has been running at Highline ever since. The topics that the workshops cover vary with every passing year, but always remain useful in ways that you can apply to your everyday life.

"Every year there is a different turnout for the workshops," said Alston, "because of the constant turn-over of the student population and the different interests of the students."

This year, the workshops have National Screening Days which includes screenings for depression, eating disorders, alcohol, and suicide. These screenings are all confidential.

Alston said that the workshops are "all equally important, designed to meet the needs of the community as well as the student."

The workshops are usually about one hour long each.

"Hopefully students will get extra credit for attending these workshops," said Alston. The workshops vary in style according to who is the facilitator. Despite this, Alston said that all the workshops are interactive and engaging.

Alston's experience in coordinating these workshops has been a very exciting one. "It's like serving hors d'oeuvres before the main entree," said Alston.

There are brochures and pamphlets about many of these workshops in the upper level of Building 6.

Upcoming workshops include:

- Your Attitude Is Showing by Thressa Alston, faculty counselor, in the Mt. Skokomish room located in the Student Services Conference room located in the lower level of Building 6 on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from noon - 12:50 p.m.
- Quick Steps to Career Development Making by Lance Gibson in Student Services Conference room in Building 6 on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 1-2 p.m.
- Depression or the Blues by Thressa Alston in Student Services Conference room located in the lower level of Building 6 on Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon-1 p.m.

W.A. V.E. Scholarship

Washington Award for Vocational Excellence

The W.A. V.E. scholarship is awarded to students for outstanding achievement in vocational-technical education. Every year, the W.A. V.E. program gives scholarships for six quarters (four semesters) of tuition and fees at two and four year colleges, universities and technical schools in Washington State. Three W.A. V.E. recipients are chosen from each legislative district by the selection committee. Any student currently enrolled in a vocational program by June 30, 2007, is eligible to apply.

Application forms and guidelines are available from Rickitia Reid in Student Services Conference room located in the lower level of Building 6 on Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon-1 p.m.
A fair day for clubs at Highline

The Highline Clubs Fair took place yesterday, Jan. 31 in the lower level of the Student Union, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Above, each Highline club was given a table to set up and decorate with information about their club to recruit new members. Some clubs even distributed chips and snow cones to attract students to their table. Music was also played continuously throughout the clubs fair. Left, a student struggles to keep hold of her bundle of blue and white balloons while she distributes them around the Student Union, tying them to the backs of chairs. They adorned the room, giving it a festive look. Bottom and left, a student stops to check out a flier being given out by one of the clubs at the fair. Below, Yamato Daiko performed Japanese drumming on the main stage platform of the Student Union from 1:30-2 p.m. Bottom, the Highline dance team shows off their skills by practicing their moves in the Student Union during the fair.

Help yourself by knowing how to look good on paper

BY MELODY ERICKSEN staff reporter

Learning how to write a good resume and cover letter could get you a job interview, said the director of Highline’s Employment and Workforce Services program on Monday. Erik Tinglestad led a workshop on the different types of resumes, and what to do to make your resume sell you the best.

The most important thing to have when applying for a job is a resume. However “the purpose of a resume is not to secure you an offer of employment,” said Tinglestad, but it might get you a job interview.

The three different types of resumes that Tinglestad went over are: The Chronological Resume, The Functional Resume, and the Combination/Targeted Resume. All three are very important. Which one you use will depend upon what you have to put down, including things such as your education and work experience.

The Chronological Resume is the most common type of resume. It lists things from the most recent experience then on backwards.

The Functional Resume is the best format to highlight specific accomplishments and skills that you want employers to notice, said Tinglestad. The Combination/Targeted Resume is becoming more popular. This is recommended if you want to write a different resume for each job opening.

Tinglestad said he wouldn’t recommend electronic resumes, because they are too limiting and allow for little or no flexibility.

However, making a good resume is not enough to get you a job. It’s good to use your connections with employers and friends, said Tinglestad.

Only 12-13 percent of employers find their workers through newspaper applicants. Employers see that you are interested in the job when you take the initiative to go and introduce yourself, and tell them that you applied for the position they are offering, said Tinglestad.

If you fill out an application online, always follow it up by going to the job site and introducing yourself; you don’t want to get lost in the shuffle of papers and machinery.

You want to stick out, said Tinglestad.

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Food
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Lisa Pappas; Lisa O’Flaherty; Debbie Kemerling; and Paralegal Professor Jessica Nelson; along with two administrators at the Des Moines food bank: Barb Shimizu and Kris Van Gasken.
Nancy Kent, Highline’s web coordinator, posted the club’s information on Highline’s website while Chris Reike from facilities even cleaned out the space in the storage closet and installed shelves.

The increasing number of members has broadened the amount of help the community is getting. From food to class experience, recipients as well as the people helping are benefiting from WinGS, organizers say.

So far this program has benefited 25 new households and 36 people. This number has grown as students around campus have come together to help each other.

One student donated new baby clothes for an expectant mother, while another traded in nice, size four clothing.

“It’s a give-and-take process that leaves everyone feeling a lot like family,” said one recipient.

Nevertheless, they are still looking for more volunteers to make their program grow stronger.

“Volunteers and any donations would make a huge difference,” said McKenzie.

Others around campus have begun to get involved. Laura Westgard; Valerie Muelhing, a physical education instructor; and writing instructor Craig McKenney have contributed their time as well as notified students about the opportunity to help.

With a room comes the possibility of a refrigerator to stock perishable items or even a truck for the Des Moines Food Bank to deliver to those who are ill or shut in.

“WinGS is little, but it’s powerful,” said McKenzie.

Darwin’s birthday to be celebrated

BY MEGHAN TAVARES

A group of professors’ concern about the ongoing debate over creationism versus evolution has evolved into a celebration of the birth of Charles Darwin.

Charles Darwin was the first evolutionary biologist and the originator of the concept of natural selection. His two main works are The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection and The Descent of Man. Both have been widely debated.

This year, an educational commemoration of Darwin’s birthday will take place in the Student Union.

“We decided it was time that someone honored a man who has made so many contributions to science,” said Carol Hernandez, a professor in the Science Department.

The Darwin Day Celebration will take place in the Student Union on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Informational films will be shown, and informational kiosks will be on the first floor offering cookies and cake to anyone who inquires about the celebration.

“If I can find cookies shaped like apes then everyone will be able to eat their relatives,” said Angi Caster, who teaches writing and science here at Highline.

A faculty learning community, the Rationalist Group, has decided to organize this celebration, hoping to educate students around the campus on natural selection and honoring Darwin’s contributions to science.

Professors from a variety of disciplines have contributed their time and efforts to this occasion, hoping that it will challenge a lot of the negativity emanating from some Christian groups.

Contributors to this event are Hernandez from the Science Department, Dana Franks in the library, Woody Moses, Jason Ramirez from the Math Department, and Caster who teaches writing and science.

The Rationalist Group hopes to continue this event so that in 2009 they can hold a year-long celebration honoring Darwin on his 200th birthday.

We need reporters. Please.

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FTEs
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